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1. The reply filed on 10/07/2002 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): In accordance with MPEP 714.23, Matter cancelled by amendment can be reinstated only by a subsequent amendment presenting the cancelled matter as a new insertion. A claim (i.e. claims 38-49,54 of the instant application) cancelled by amendment (deleted in its entirety) may be reinstated only by a subsequent amendment presenting the claim as a new claim with a new claim number. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Aaron J. Lewis whose telephone number is (703) 308-0716.

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